

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1 – 9 and 11 – 28 are pending in the application. Claims 16 and 24 – 26 are amended herein. Claims 10 and 29 have been canceled. Support for the amendments is found in the claims as originally presented and in the specification as filed.

Allowed Claims

Applicants note with gratitude the allowance of claims 1 – 9 and 11 – 23.

Objection to the Drawings

The drawings were objected to as not showing every feature of the invention specified in the claims. In particular, the disc shaped member recited in claims 24 and 29 was deemed missing from the drawings.

Claims 24 and 29 have been amended to omit reference to a disc shaped member. The amendment to claims 24 and 29 renders moot the objection to the drawings.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph

Claims 24 and 29 were rejected on the ground that the disc shaped member (which the examiner identified in the drawings as element 112) was not actually disc shaped. Claim 24 has been amended to remove the term “disc shaped” and to define the shape of the member in terms of its main plane, central axis, and rotational symmetry. Support for this amendment can be found at page 21, line 29 to page 22, line 14 of the International Application as published. Claim 29 has been canceled, rendering moot the rejection of that claim.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b)

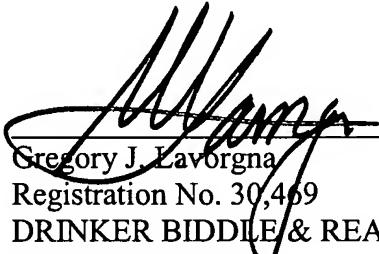
Claims 25 – 28 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as anticipated by U.S. patent 3,978,345 (Bailey). Claims 25 and 26 have been amended to depend from claim 16, which has been allowed. Apart from their own patentable merit, claims 25 – 28, which depend directly or indirectly from allowed claim 16 are therefore deemed allowable as depending from an allowed claim.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully submitted that all pending claims, as amended herein, are in condition for allowance, and Applicants respectfully requests that allowance be granted at the earliest date possible. Should the Examiner have any questions or comments regarding Applicants amendments or remarks, the Examiner is asked to contact Applicants undersigned representative at (215) 988-3309.

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